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**Isaac Herrera, a summer ranger at Cochiti and a member of the Cochiti Pueblo, entertained volunteers by playing a Native American flute.**

enormous event-capping Outdoor Recreation/Environmental Education Fair, courtesy of non-profit groups, local businesses and state and federal agencies. Environmental education participants included, the Sandia Jeep Club, Americans for National Parks, Cerrillos Hills Park Coalition, City of Albuquerque-Solid Waste recycling, Museum of New Mexico Archaeological Studies Office, New Mexico Department of Tourism, New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors, Public Lands Interpretive Association, Roadrunner Retrieval Club, Santa Fe National Forest-Smokey Bear, Leave No Trace, Santa Fe Open Space, Wildlife West Nature Park, Wolf Whitewater Rafting, and the Corps of Engineers, Cochiti and Abiquiu Lakes.

Musical entertainment included Arnold Herrera

and his Drum Family, as well as Cipriano Vigil, courtesy of the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities. Isaac Herrera, a flute player from Cochiti Pueblo, and a former Cochiti Lake Park Ranger, also provided music for the tired, hungry and thirsty volunteers.

Although the event's focus was at Cochiti Lake, it was also a regional event as well. Volunteers improved trails at nearby Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National monument and worked along the Buckman/Diablo Canyon area lands of the BLM and the Santa Fe National Forest.

Buoyed by the success of this year's event at Cochiti Lake, organizers have already met to map out strategies and to plan for the 2003 NPLD. It looks like it's going to be a big one! *(Editor's Note: Patrick Trier is a ranger at Conchas Lake. Dave Dutton is a former senior ranger at Cochiti Lake and has now accepted the position of Reservoir Manager at Abiquiu Lake.)*



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**Volunteers proceed to gather trash from Cochiti Lake.**

## Two receive Special Act awards for customer service



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**Rose Chavez (left), Information Management Office, received the Operations Division Customer Service Award from Susan Shampine, chief of Operations Division, for excellence in response to calls for information technology assistance.**



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**George Diewald, Engineering, received the Operations Division Customer Service Award for providing valuable structural engineering assistance for numerous projects at the operating dams.**